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#### ABSTRACT

A vehicle seat belt system is provided. The vehicle seat belt  
system includes a seat belt comprising a webbing, an electric  
powered device such as a heater coupled to the webbing,  
electrical circuitry connected to the heater and extending  
through a seat belt buckle and connector tongue, and an  
electric power source for providing electric power to the  
electric heater via the electrical circuitry. The electrical  
circuitry supplies power through the connector tongue and  
seat belt buckle.

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